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TAGS: EAID, CE

SUBJ: U.S.-OWNED PL-480 RUPEES IN INTEREST-BEARING ACCOUNTS

REF: COLOMBO 1549, 1630, AND 1645

1. WE VERY MUCH HOPE DEPARTMENT WILL SHORTLY BE ABLE GIVE US OFFICIAL POSITION IN RESPONSE TO COOREY LETTER OF MAY 14. ENTIRELY APART FROM FINANCE MINISTER'S POLITICAL CHARGES OF U.S. INTERFERENCE IN SRI PTNKA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS, COOREY AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS HAVE NOW RAISED QUESTION OF JUNE 1966 EXCHANGE SEVERAL TIMES, AND WE NEED TO HAVE GOOD ANSWER.

2. ALTHOUGH AS REPORTED COLOMBO 1645 WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE FIND ANY BACKGROUD MATERIAL ON STATE A-87, MAY 14, 1966, THAT GENERATED JUNE 1966 EXCHANGE OF LETTERS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL ACCOUNT IN CEYLON TREASURY, WE ASSUME DEPARTMENT'S RECORDS WILL SHOW EXCHANGE BETWEEN USDO AND GSL ACCOUNTS AND PAYMENTS DIRECTOR WAS APPLICABLE ONLY TO SPECIFIC CATEGORIES OF U.S.-OWNED RUPEES OR TO PROCEEDS OF A PARTICULAR  
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LOANS. IT SEEMS UNLIKELY TO US HERE THAT U.S.

GOVERNMENT WAS TO BE BOUND FOR ALLTIME TO  
DEPOSIT ALL RUPEES IN SPECIAL ACCOUNT IN CEYLON  
TREASURY. WE NOTE ALSO THAT AT TIME OF  
ESTABLISHMENT SPEIAL ACCOUNT, ONLY 8 MILLION  
RUPEES WERE TRANSFERRED INTO IT, WHILE 2.5 MILLION  
RUPEES REMAINED IN EASTER BANK.

3. IF DEPARTMENT'S RESEARCH IS NOT COMPLETED,  
WE WOULD APPRECIATE INERIM INDICATION OF WHERE  
THINGS STAND.  
VAN HOLLEN

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